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In this war the home follows the flag clear up to the front line trenches. That, in one word, is the story of these seven great co-operating war work agencies.

Let us follow one single soldier on the long road that leads from his front door to far-away France, and see how these seven organizations join hands to form a great chain of helpfulness all the way.

He steps aboard a troop train that is to carry him to the cantonment. A long, lonesome ride, full of homesick thoughts, but, perhaps, there is a band furnished by the Jewish Welfare League or the War Camp Community Service to speed him on his way, and on the train are friends whom he had not expected—a Y. M. C. A. or a K. of C. secretary—a big friendly fellow, who has traveled for months with other boys just like him, and knows how to help.

At the cantonment the evidence that the folks back home are thinking of him lies thick on every side. Here are the 750 great homey huts of the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army, and the Y—as the soldiers speak of it. Places where he can write letters home, play games at night, witness motion picture shows, hear helpful lectures, attend church service, and keep up with his studies under the direction of the best college professors and teachers in the country. Here also are the 85 Hostess Houses of the Y. W. C. A., where mother and sister and sweetheart may make their headquarters when they visit.

In all these buildings are branch libraries provided by the American Library Association, and filled with books and magazines. In 43 of the large camps and several hundred smaller ones are library buildings besides, with trained librarians and comfortable reading-rooms.

No Duplication Anywhere.

In the larger camps and cantonments the soldier will find houses of all five of the camp agencies—the Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Y. W. C. A., Jewish Welfare Board and Salvation Army—and all full at every hour of the day and evening. In the smaller camps and naval stations, the organizations have working agreements which prevent duplication. In such a camp there will frequently be only one hut, its doors open to all the boys alike.

To it come on Saturdays and Sundays the prominent preachers, priests and rabbis to conduct worship; for the hut is the soldier's church and synagogue. There he may have one of the more than three million copies of the Scriptures that have been supplied by these agencies; or a half dozen helpful, inspiring booklets on a variety of subjects.

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The boy is called into the front line trenches. He is there through the long, cold night, his feet wet, his whole body chilled to the bone. As the first rays of the sun announce the new day, a shout of welcome runs through the trench. He looks to see a secretary— Y, or K. of C., or Jewish Welfare Board or Salvation Army—it matters not. Down the trench he comes with chocolate and cigarettes and doughnuts and hot coffee or cocoa—the reminder that even here, in front, the love and care of the folks back home still follows him.

Is he wounded? Aiding the stretcher bearers, the secretaries work side by side, taking the wounded back to the dressing stations. Already fifteen of these brave workers have given up their lives, and scores have been gassed and sent to the hospitals.

Even If He Is Taken Prisoner.

Is he taken prisoner? Even in the prison camp the long arm of these friendly organizations reaches out to aid him. In Switzerland both the Y and the K. of C. have established headquarters and through such neutral agencies as the Danish Red Cross they carry on their program of helpfulness even in the prison camps of Germany and Austria.

Does he wish to send money back to the folks at home? The Y and the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board and the Salvation Army transmit hundreds of thousands of dollars a month from the front to mothers and sisters and wives over here.

Is he given a furlough? At Aix les Bains, one of the most famous resorts in the world, the Y has taken over six great hotels, as well as the great casino, and here he may swim, ride in the mountains, play golf and tennis, and listen to the best preachers, lecturers and entertainers America can provide. The resort at Aix is only one of six which are operated by these agencies as a haven for the boys on furlough.

Has he a girl friend or relative over there in the service or with one of the war work agencies? He will discover that she too is cared for by the Y. W. C. A., just as this great mothering organization cares for the girls in war industry on this side.

It is the business of the Y. W. C. A. to back up the women who are backing up the men. In France are sixteen huts for American nurses and fifteen for French women workers in munition plants. Thousands of American girls, working as telephone operators under the Signal Corps, are looked after in Y. W. hotels in Paris and Tours; and the Hotel Petrograd has become a center for American girl life in that city. All this in addition to the immense work for girls in war industry in this country.

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